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MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

In the Patent Application of

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Title: IMAGE PROCESSOR CAPABLE OF REDUCING GRADATION AT HIGH SPEED

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AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER *Technology Center*

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the \$55.00 (2814) \$110.00 (1814) fee per Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.
- Also enclosed is/are Submission of Certified Copy of Priority Document and replacement sheets for Figs. 3 and 4
- Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the \$385.00 (2801) \$770.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.
- Applicant(s) previously submitted _____
on _____, for which continued examination is requested.
- Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least _____, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.

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- No additional claim fee is required.
- An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below.

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AMENDED CLAIMS

	No. of Claims	Highest No. of Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	16	MINUS 20 =	0	x \$18.00 (1202) =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	6	MINUS 3 =	3	x \$86.00 (1201) =	\$ 258.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$290.00 (1203)					\$ 0.00
Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 258.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$ 258.00

- A check in the amount of \$ 258.00 is enclosed for the fee due.
- Charge _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.
- Charge _____ to credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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